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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

FOR CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE,
GALUSHA A. GROW,
OF SUSQUEHANNA.

ELECTION FEBRUARY 20.

TRUTH BOILED DOWN.

Galusha A. Grow expressed the entire gist of protectionist arguments into a sentence when he remarked that "the boys who pay duties" are not a recommendation to the man who has not the wherewith to make the payment. In this country, even if prices are in some few instances increased by the protective tariff, the American consumer has heretofore had the price in his pocket. Under the Democratic idea of a proper tariff, he is thrown idle and hasn't even the pitance which is charged for certain kinds of pauper-made imported goods.

LAST WEEK'S work in the house shows that it isn't yet safe to abolish the United States senate.

SENATOR QUAY'S free coinage rider to the Wilson bill would prove a sorry predicament if it were actually to pass. What would Cleveland do with it?

CHURMAN McGOWAN, of the Markley movement, declares he is "after principles, not spoils." Yes, and a good way after. You'll need to hurry on or you'll lose both.

WHEN MR. HINES' condemned the free coinage of the Wilson bill and then endorsed it by his vote he gave a public exhibition of his measure as a politician. The voters of Luzerne county will do well to tell themselves of such misrepresentations.

THIRTY YEARS ago, the Democratic party screamed itself hoarse in denunciation of an income tax and in opposition to an issue of government promises to pay. Thirty years later, without war as an incentive, the Democratic party favors an income tax and pays its debts by creating new debts.

IT HAS remained for the ingenuity of Scranton lawyers to raise a serious question of the constitutionality of the act of 1893 touching the government of third class cities. But in this we see anew the outcropping of a Scranton characteristic: the characteristic which is not content to let other cities set the pace.

THERE MAY be room for a little levity in the discussion of the Wilson bill. Senator Quay seems to think so, judging from his humorous amendment. But to a growing number of American citizens, the problem has gone beyond the ameliorating reach of practical humor and has got to the grim vantage ground of a terrible calamity.

CONSIDERING the fact that there are only fifty pages in it, the Philadelphia Times Almanac for 1894 is truly a marvel for skillful condensation and statistical brevity. This annual compendium enjoys deserved favor among politicians and editors. It is a standard book of reference in all well regulated Pennsylvania offices where live state information in crisp form is a desideratum.

THE ACTION of the house committee on banking, last week, in refusing, by a vote of eight to nine, to recommend the adoption of Representative Cox's bill repealing the state bank tax is a hopeful sign of returning financial sanity. A house which could pass so socialist a proposition as the income tax may override this action of the banking committee, but the senate will remain as a safe bulwark against wild cat currency.

MR. GROW'S address Saturday evening before a meeting of Philadelphia textile workers was admirable in tone and argument. The tact and skill which this veteran rhetorician brings into play in his elucidation of the tariff question are agreeable surprises to those who had fancied the subject had been exhausted. Under his apt touch, prosaic facts gain new importance, and the familiar figures of the statisticians take on increased luster and significance. Mr. Grow is decidedly his own best champion.

IT IS asserted with a great deal of emphasis by the Democratic newspapers that the freeing of our markets to the coal syndicate of Nova Scotia would immediately result in a corresponding act of generosity on the part of the Dominion. But Colonel William J. Lamb, the Norfolk (Va.) protectionist, has taken all the wind out of that sail by securing from Sir John S. Thompson, attorney general of Nova Scotia, premier and minister of justice of the Dominion of Canada, this telegram: "There is no enactment in Canada making free admission of coal a necessary result of the taking off of duty in the United States or authorizing government in council by proclamation to make coal free in Canada." The free coal clause of the Wilson bill is a deliberate and unrequited give-away.

THE ESTEEMED Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer questions THE TRIBUNE'S statement that Cleveland's second term has not more than the civil war. Our contemporary is recommended to read the report of R. G. Dan & Co., reviewing the business of the United States for 1893, as compared with the year preceding; then to add in the wage losses and value depreciations of the first five weeks of 1894; and finally to compare this total with the estimated money cost to the north of prosecuting

the rebellion. It will find that Clevelandism, tariff tinkering and the depression they have wrought weigh down the scale even against the frightful ravages of the greatest war of the Nineteenth century.

EDITOR LINSLEY, of the Wilkes-Barre Telephone, a writer of much local renown, recently attended divine services in the new Elm Park church and heard the bells chime the coronation hymn. He thereupon wrote: "It is one of the most beautiful and comfortable churches in the country. The grandeur and comfort of the place, instead of detracting from the spirit of worship, gave a dignity, gravity and worth to the scene that a shed or tent would not have afforded. Yes, the Lord's house should be a good one." It has yet to be proved that dignity, beauty and solemnity of surroundings, reinforced by the ennobling power of sacred music fittingly rendered, involve any sacrifice of the sincerity of religious worship, or jeopardize the hearty cordiality of Christian brotherhood.

DEATH OF MR. CHILDS.

IT HAS been said many times of George W. Childs that he was a typical American. The assertion is too flattering to the American character, which, in its typical representations, fails to approximate the benevolence, the philanthropy and the large-hearted conservatism of the creator of the Philadelphia Ledger. It is not an essential to American character to do good for the pure love of doing it, to utilize the fortune which prosperity bestows in articles of benevolence and generosity rather than in schemes of self-enrichment; to maintain an unflinching calm in the midst of seething and frothing competition; and to base an unwavering confidence on the not always perceptible triumph of candor, honesty and strict regard for those things that are morally best. There are Americans who exhibit these traits, but they are not typical Americans; they are, rather, exceptional Americans in whom virtue pays its retaliatory respects to the vice that is so steadily in evidence.

MR. CHILDS, then, was an exceptional American. He was exceptional, first of all, in the opportunity which he seemed to fit into as if destiny were at work in the upbuilding of his character. The quiet, moral home life of the most domestic of our great cities had never had what can fairly be called a representative newspaper until Mr. Childs, almost by chance as it seems from the viewpoint of today, took hold of the Public Ledger and made of it the monument that it is. In the next place, Mr. Childs was exceptional in the apparent ease with which success came to him. There have been men who, to all outward appearances, have striven to fold as hard as he, and who, upon similar scales, have earned all his virtue; yet they have gone down in the battle, beaten if not humiliated, while Mr. Childs, with what looked like the sheer buoyancy of chance, had gone high and still higher on the swelling tide of complete prosperity. It is quite possible that we should attribute this serenity of victory as much to the sunniness of a nature which did not let the world know of its cares and struggles and trials, as to any other cause. It is something, even in an age of turmoil and doubt, to feel assured that in one conspicuous instance, goodness was a more perfect material and earthly recompense than any that we can any yet reward the undeserving seeker after wealth and fame. Nor does it detract from the consolation to assert, without evidence in proof, that his recompense was the blind award of luck.

NO MAN can be accused of lacking in individual strength, discretion and mental equanimity who shall offer, as evidence of his deserving, the creation of a journal which for thirty years has been received into the homes of Philadelphia upon a footing of trust and reverence accorded to few printed things apart from the Bible, the family cook book and the parlor album. If it was in some respects an accident which gave Mr. Childs the ownership of the Ledger, it was not accident which made his control of it a mastery triumph of fine discretion, unflinching and patient conservatism and an intuitive insight into the habits and manners of his great newspaper constituency. The ability to direct an enterprise so difficult, exacting, delicate and careful as is involved in the successful conduct of a large family newspaper includes well-nigh all the qualifications for temporal success. If, in addition to all these, and if, as variations in his great capacity for benevolence, Mr. Childs occasionally displayed little follies and eccentricities—such, for instance, as his fondness for public mention, his passion for entertaining distinguished guests, his predilection for rare china and quaint clocks—who does not feel that these are picturesque and not unpleasant foils to the central portrait of a great and true man, benignant, kindly, helpful and generous; a very prince in the nobility which is conditioned upon real worth?

THE NEW COLLECTOR.

THE decision of Senator Herring, who will today take formal possession of the office of internal revenue collector for the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, to continue the headquarters of the district in the handsome apartment fitted up for it in Scranton's new federal building, is one which the new collector will not regret. While this city is not in the geographical center of the district, it is in the center of business and social gravitation; and it will prove most advantageous to the greatest number of business men coming within Collector Herring's jurisdiction to make no sudden change in the arrangements that were so successful under the occupancy of Rotting Collector Penman.

WE ALSO think that he is proceeding wisely in not making violent and abrupt changes in the personnel of his office. No doubt it will be distasteful to the numerous and eager Democrats who expect to profit by Mr. Herring's appointment not to get at once into the spoils trough and revel accordingly. But the type of Democrat who can so far further significance in the public service than private and selfish gratification constitutes, as we firmly believe, a small proportion of the citizenship of this district. Above and beyond their personal ambitions and pulls toward the business interests of the people; and Mr. Herring will not

fall in the estimation of a discriminating public if he shall consider first this larger welfare, before proceeding to satisfy the pettier demands of the clamorers for political place.

AS WE interpret Republican sentiment, there is no general desire among the political opponents of the incoming collector to cling tenaciously to the skirts of his personal favor. The true view of a creditable civil service does not mean the perpetuation in office of one class of partisans, to the exclusion of any other class. Republicans, generally, do not ask for themselves odds which they would deny, under similar circumstances, to their opponents. It is sufficient to expect the same consideration to be accorded to meritorious service in private business employment; treatment that is above mere favoritism, but yet not summarily undignified and cruel. We much mistake the character and intentions of the new collector if he proposes to depreciate the efficiency of his department's work in surrender to the partisans who threaten to stampede if not instantly installed in office.

PLEDGE AND FULFILLMENT.

DURING the consideration of the Wilson bill in the house, a delegation of Wilkes-Barre manufacturers, accompanied by a representative of their employees, went to Washington and had long conferences with Representative Hines. It is understood that he assured them he would use every possible effort to secure fair treatment of their industries in the original bill; that if unsuccessful before the committee, he would offer amendments on the floor of the house and that, if beaten there, he would stand out against the bill's passage even if it were forced to victory over his political corps.

THIS WAS HINES' promise. How about his performance? Let us examine. The Wilson bill came out of committee with the Luzerne industries unprotected, and if the member from Luzerne made any overwhelming protest in committee, the fact has escaped notice. Next, the bill passed through the amendment crisis in committee of the whole and here, again, the representative from the Twelfth managed to screen his furious opposition very successfully from the public gaze. Lastly, the bill came to a final vote, with the free coal clause still threatening loss to Luzerne miners; the lace manufacturers still mourning the Luzerne lace makers and the iron and steel duties still offering serious peril to Luzerne fashioners of this important metal. Surely, here, if anywhere, was the place for Hines to rise to his opportunity. It would have taken very little elixir of manhood at this critical period to have turned the tide among Democratic malcontents against the whole nauseating hodge-podge of clerical experiments and economic blundering.

AND HINES voted nay. Nay, nay, not he. He walked right up to the administration rack, bit off a nibble of postal patronage, a pithy Nanticoke appointment which he threw off as a sop to the naturalized Hungarian vote, and then stepped back and voted "aye" for the Wilson bill. One month ago, certain manufacturers and laboring men in Luzerne county thought Mr. Hines their beau ideal of a statesman and a scholar. That was in the period of Mr. Hines' profuse promise making. How do they regard this same individual today? How do they relish Mr. Hines' style of performance.

VIEWED in the Throng.

AN engaging writer in the Philadelphia Times gives this description of ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow's home: "Glenwood village is one of very many whose counterpart exists in every section of the state. The Grow homestead and farm buildings face the public road running from Nicholson through the east end towns of Susquehanna. The average country store is across the way and the farmstead speaks for the thrift and business ability of its owner. Down to Nicholson means a trip on a narrow road along Tunkhannock creek, often fifty feet above its bed, and so scantily settled is the region that but six houses are passed in the journey of five miles. Nicholson is a Yankee settlement over the line in Wyoming county of less than 800 population, and there the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad gives communication with Scranton, to which city all persons must go who desire to visit the ex-speaker at his home. Mr. Grow could not be more secluded or out of reach unless he selected a wintergreen reserve in the wilds of Pike or Wayne."

F. W. Greener, the Petersburg artist, whose studies of scenery in this vicinity have been very favorably commented upon by art connoisseurs, will next season work under instruction in the New York art schools. Mr. Greener displays marked talent in landscape painting and will no doubt find proper recognition in the metropolitan schools.

AS A man of wide influence in politics ex-Controller J. George Eisels is probably one of the most forcible examples of modesty upon earth. So closely does he attend to his duties as superintendent of the Delaware and Hudson Coal office in this city that the average citizen would scarcely be aware of his existence but for the admiration of his friends. When effective work is necessary at election time, however, ex-Controller Eisels can always be relied upon. Although constantly rendering assistance to friends who desire support politically, Mr. Eisels does not appear anxious for official honors. His election as city controller was clearly an instance of the office seeking the man, and the records will show that the office made a wise selection.

IT IS RIGHT in the Sun.

The directors of THE TRIBUNE have special cause for congratulation. At the annual meeting of the other day the secretary's statement showed an increase of \$11,000 in business during 1893. Under the direction of Professor Wood, THE TRIBUNE keeps forging ahead of all competitors. Its political columns are the most reliable in the state. It is a hard hitter along the line, and has placed the Republican party in Lackawanna in a position of security it never occupied before.

WHAT IS Usefulness? Is it to speak? No. It is to make the blind see, the lame walk, not to make the deaf hear, but to be a good, sound, sensible policy for the United States for its growth in riches and civilization, and if it is stricken down the people who in their secret hearts will think us the most short-sighted will be the foreigners who profit by our folly.

THE TRUE STATE of Affairs.
Kinima Telegram.
THE TRIBUNE says the people want Mr. Connel. In a large measure, this is the true statement of affairs. If Mr. Connel is not the candidate, it is within his power to say who will go to congress from this district this year.

A Valuable Acquisition.
Kinima Telegram.
E. T. Sweet, of the News, has been made assistant editor of THE TRIBUNE. Mr. Sweet stands foremost among the newspaper men of the town, and will prove a valuable acquisition to THE TRIBUNE staff.

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Wilkes-Barre Record.
Mr. Hines appears to be a Democrat for appointments only.

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FEBRUARY

THE MEANING OF THE WORD.

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We've just found out that it is from the Latin word *Februus* to purify by sacrifice.

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